THE MINISTER OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) to (c) A cell has been constituted in the Ministry to look into the labour related issues. The existing staff of the Ministry of Disinvestment handle the work in this regard. However, communication with employees is a continuous activity of the Ministry of Disinvestment and the Administrative Ministry till a company is disinvested/privatised. Senior officers of the Ministry of Disinvestment meet the representatives of the worker's Unions of the PSUs where disinvestment process is underway from time to time and explain the policy of the Government and solicit their cooperation, whenever needed. Besides, the Inter-Ministerial Group set up for each company includes the CMD and Director (Finance) of the company who keep the IMG briefed about employee issues to facilitate decisions being taken accordingly.

(d) and (e) After privatisation, the primary responsibility of redressing the grievance of the employees and shareholders lies with the company. Ministry of Disinvestment, depending on the nature of grievance, brings the matter to the notice of the company or the Administrative Ministry, either for obtaining information or for their further action.

Disinvestment of MOIL

2930. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Manganese Ore India Limited (MOIL) is under the process of disinvestment;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Trade Union of MOIL has submitted any proposal to take over the PSU instead of disinvestment; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the response of his Ministry in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Government has not yet

taken a decision regarding disinvestment in Manganese Ore India Ltd., (MOIL).

(c) and (d) The Rashtriya Manganese Mazdoor Sangh has expressed interest that the employees of the Company, along with the management may like to acquire the majority share of the Company. Government has not yet taken a decision on the proposal.

Formulation of Schemes for Family Welfare Programme

†2931. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: WiU the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to formulate schemes for Family Welfare Programme;

(b) if so, the details of these schemes; and

(c) the amount allocated for implementation of these schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) National Family Welfare Programme is under implementation since 1952 with the objective of reducing the birth rate to the extent necessary to stabilize the population at a level consistent with the requirement of the national economy.

Since the year 1996 several policy initiatives and programme changes have been introduced.

A Target Free Approach was first instituted in April, 1996, and later replaced by a "Community Need Based Assessment Approach". This major shift in programme emphasis has promoted a decentralized, need based, area specific and participatory plan and monitoring approach, which emphasizes quality of care and delivery of essential reproductive health services.

An integrated and holistic programme for Reproductive and Child Health that include Maternal health, Child Health and Contraception issues was launched since 1997.

† Original notice of the question was recieved in Hindi.